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Held at Fayetteville, Ala., Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
June 11, 12 and 13.

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OFFICERS:

DR. GEO. R. McNEILL, President.
JNO. C. WILLIAMS, Vice President.
E. HORN, Recording Secretary.
ARCHIE CRUMPLER, Treasurer.
DAVID CAMPBELL, Cor. Sect.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

George Dunglinson, E. D. Acker, S. S. McPherson,
J. A. Edwards, J. D. Lanier,
Geo. H. Stuart,

PRESS OF OUR MOUNTAIN HOME,
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FIRST DAY.

The twenty-first annual session of the Talladega County Sunday-school Convention met in the Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Ala., 8 o'clock P. M., Friday, June 11, 1897, and was called to order by the Vice President, Jas. H. Hayden; President Jas. D. Lanier being unavoidably absent on account of sickness.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Geo. R. McNeill, of Talladega. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Eli Horn, of Eastaboga, was elected for the present session.

After an admirable welcome address by Rev. J. S. Chadwick, pastor of the Methodist Church of Fayetteville, and a suitable response by Mr. J. H. Hamilton, of Kymulga, Mr. J. A. Woodward discussed the topic of the evening; "The Aims of this County Convention." Mr. Woodward's address was timely and thoughtful, delivered with animation and received with earnest attention. The Convention then adjourned, with prayer, to meet at 9 A. M., on the morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 12.

The Convention was opened with a Bible reading, led by Supt. G. S. Ham, after which Hon. Joseph Carthell, of Anniston, was heard on the subject of "Home Department of the Sunday-school." As a result of his practical address, many workers pledged themselves to introduce this system of Bible study into their communities. Judge Carthell also presented a birds-eye view of Calhoun county by beats, locating every Sunday-school in the county, and indicating whether they were "Evergreen" or "Woodchuck" schools. In connection with this discussion, Mr. Hayden exhibited a similar map of Talladega county, which it is hoped will be completed by the next meeting, and every worker in the county is requested to see to it that the number of schools in his beat and their location be sent to Mr. Hayden by the first of January next.

After a brief recess, the enrollment of delegates to the Convention was in order, and the following responded:

EASTABOGA—E. Horn, Bonner Capps, Misses Annie Bean, Mana Donaldson, Sallie Montgomery, Maude Capps.

SUNNYSIDE UNION—Miss Lillie Porter, Miss Maggie English, Emmett McKibbon, J. A. Woodward.

ALPINE BAPTIST—Miss Emma Acker, C. A. Mathews.

CHILDERSBURG BAPTIST—F. Moss, Miss Emma Keith, Miss Emma Henderson, Miss Ada Cliett, Miss Mamie Finn, Miss Minnie Oden.

FAYETTEVILLE METHODIST—Miss Ruby Loony, Miss Stella Hamilton, S. S. McPherson, Miss Kate Dixon.

RISER'S CHAPEL UNION—W. E. Thompson, H. A. Singleton.

TALLADEGA BAPTIST—J. H. Hayden.

WINTERBORO BAPTIST—I. W. Rhodes, Miss Willie B. Gooden, Tildan Blanchard, Miss Vesta Blanchard, Miss Leona Blanchard.

CONCORD METHODIST—No delegates reported.

KYMULGA UNION—J. W. Harrell, — Hood.

SYLACAUGA BAPTIST—G. S. Ham, E. J. Smith, Aunt Duck Fluker, Clara Harris.

FAYETTEVILLE BAPTIST—L. A. Daniel, Mrs. W. M. Averett, Miss Willie Wallace, Mrs. L. A. Daniel, Mrs. Hendrix.

MUNFORD METHODIST—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hendrix.

ROCKY MOUNT METHODIST—L. C. Bryh, G. W. Rice.

OAK GROVE METHODIST—Mrs. W. D. Caldwell, Miss Berta Hendrick, J. H. Hamilton.

TALLADEGA PRESBYTERIAN—Miss Sallie McCorkle, R. Heine, Geo. R. McNeill.

TALLASAHATCHIE BAPTIST—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Howser.

RAGAN UNION—L. B. Elliott.

CHILDERSBURG METHODIST—Miss Jessie Shealey, Mrs. R. A. Johnston, C. S. Striplin, Archie Crumpler, Miss Ruby Finn.

SYCAMORE BAPTIST—Mrs. J. A. Glazener, J. C. Tomlin, Lee Solley, G. H. Stuart.

ST. JOEL METHODIST—Miss Exa Steward, W. J. Limbaugh. .

LINCOLN BAPTIST—W. R. Davis, Miss Agnes Weed, Miss Alice Davis.

MT. SHARON BAPTIST—H. E. Smith, Mrs. Alice Thomas, W. I. Coleman.

OAK GROVE UNION—J. J. Matson, O. Fields, J. W. Burgeos.

HEARDS GAP—No delegates reported.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST—E. A. Aderholdt.

SALEM, EAST BEND, PRESBYTERIAN—No delegates reported.

CARTERSVILLE BAPTIST—J. H. McDonald.

REFUGE BAPTIST—No delegates reported.

The usual committees were then appointed:

NOMINATION AND REORGANIZATION—G. S. Ham, F. Moss, E. A. Aderholdt, J. H. Hamilton, J. G. Dobbins, Rev. J. S. Chadwick, Ira W. Rhodes.

TEMPERANCE—J. A. Woodward, E. Horn, Dr. Geo. R. McNeill, G. S. Ham.

RESOLUTIONS—Geo. R. McNeill, J. A. Woodward, J. H. Hamilton.

The reports of the different officers and the executive committee were received and read.

TO THE TALLADEGA COUNTY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

MY BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Not being allowed the happy privilege and blessing of meeting with you in your Annual Convention for the year 1897, I wish, as your Vice President for Beat number one, to make a brief report of the Sabbath-school work in the field wherein you desired me to labor.

We have six organized Sabbath-schools in beat one, as follows :

Lincoln Baptist Sunday-school, Lincoln, Ala.

Lincoln Methodist Sunday-school, Lincoln, Ala.

Refuge Baptist Sunday-school, Lincoln, Ala.

Acker's Chapel Union Sunday-school, Lincoln, Ala.

Eureka Baptist Sunday-school, Eureka, Ala.

Dry Valley Baptist Sunday-school, Lincoln, Ala.

These six schools run summer and winter, except the ones at Acker's Chapel and Dry Valley, which were not in session during the winter months. There ought to be four more organized schools in this beat and we hope to see them organized and working at no distant day.

Since our Convention in 1896, I have had the pleasure and profit of holding a Sabbath-school rally with Refuge Baptist church, which was attended by the best Sabbath-school workers in the beat, and I feel sure that this rally did much to develop interest in this great work of our Master.

In conclusion, the work is on the increase in many respects ; but we desire to see a still greater interest in this grand Christian work. With this in view and considering the further fact that the Convention has not met in the upper end of the county since 1894, I humbly request, in behalf of our Sabbath-school workers, that the next Convention meet with us in Lincoln. If an humble request is not sufficient to carry our point and bring us the Convention in 1898, I will go further and demand that Lincoln Christians have the Convention in 1898.

Again, I wish to say that our people want the Minutes of the Convention published and, if there is not money enough on hand, I will undertake to see that our schools meet a reasonable assessment for that purpose. Time and again, our best workers have asked me about the minutes of our last Convention, and I could only tell them that I had not seen any copies. Brethren, I beg that you do not fail to make all necessary arrangements to have minutes of present Convention published and distributed at once.

With prayers for the success of the Convention and with a bold reminder that Lincoln must have the Convention in 1898, I remain,

Your Brother in Christ,

E. D. ACKER,

Vice President Beat 1.

The Convention now took recess until 2 : 30 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention met, and after a brief song service, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year,

having been duly recommended by the nominating committee :

PRESIDENT—Dr. Geo. R. McNeill, Talladega.

VICE PRESIDENT—Jno. C. Williams, Talladega.

RECORDING SECRETARY—E. Horn, Eastaboga.

TREASURER—Archie Crumpler, Sylacauga.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—David Campbell, Fayetteville.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Geo. Dunglinson, Talladega, E. D. Acker, Lincoln, S. S. McPherson, Fayetteville, J. A. Edwards, Childersburg, J. D. Lanier, Kymulga, Geo. H. Stuart, Sycamore, R. G. Nickles, Talladega.

BEAT VICE PRESIDENTS—Howard Wilson, Lincoln, P. B. Workman, Sycamore, Mrs. W. B. Groce, Munford, G. T. Burk, Ironaton, J. E. Hendrick, Renfro, A. O. Riser, Alpine, F. Moss, Childersburg, M. J. Chandler, Chandlers Springs, W. P. Ponder, Talladega, Mrs. A. C. Bell, Eastaboga, L. A. Daniel, Fayetteville, J. C. Armetrout, Jenifer, G. K. Miller, Talladega, Samuel Welch, Alpine, W. W. Carver, Kymulga, Mrs. J. E. Hendrix, Silver Run, G. S. Ham, Sylacauga, Joe Camp, White Cloud, S. B. Elliott, Hightowers or Talladega.

The newly elected officers then took their seats, and delegates present were called upon to give reports from their different Sunday-schools, a statistical account being found in the appendix. A general improvement along the line was plainly shown by these reports.

At the close of these reports, and the selection of Lincoln as the next meeting place, the Convention took recess until 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Supt. C. A. Mathews, and the following subjects were discussed : " A Model Teacher's Conference," by Supt. J. H. Hayden, and " How to Conduct a Recitation," by Dr. Geo. R. McNeill. The Convention seemed interested in these discussions, and after the opening of the Query Box, adjourned to meet on the morrow.

SUNDAY JUNE 13th.

After a joint Sunday-school session, led by Supt. J. C. Dobbins, and participated in by well nigh the entire Convention, at 11 o'clock the Convention was addressed by Dr. McNeill, on "Christ the Model Teacher."

At 3:30 P. M., a mass meeting of the children was held, when brief addresses were made by leading members of the Convention, interspersed by sweet songs by the children.

The closing meeting was held at night.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the only minister of the county present during the Convention, Rev. J. S. Chadwick, assisted by Rev. Newton Smith, of Coosa county. The appropriate subject was announced, "How have I been Benefitted by the Convention, and How May Those Benefits be Given to others?" It was discussed in short and feeling speeches by many of the members, and in many ways was the good of the organization clearly demonstrated.

The Committee on temperance made its report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas there is perhaps no more prolific source of crime and shame, of poverty and suffering, than the evil of intemperance, and

Whereas there is no surer remedy for this great monster iniquity than the thorough indoctrinating of our children and youth in the teaching of Holy Writ on this subject; be it

Resolved, that our Sunday-school teachers be affectionately urged to embrace every suitable opportunity to emphasize the duty of temperance as taught in the Bible, and to adopt the suggestion of our International Lesson Committee in recommending a quarterly temperance lesson.

J. A. WOODWARD,	E. HORN,
G. S. HAM,	GEO. R. MCNEILL,
	Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

Resolved that this Convention do most heartily endorse the Home Department work as recommended by our State Convention, and urge upon all our Superintendents and other Sunday-school workers a hearty and earnest trial thereof.

Our Beat Superintendents are urged to familiarize themselves with its workings and to present its merits to each Sunday-school under their supervision.

Be it further resolved that we urge the Beat Vice Presidents that they strive to organize new schools in communities remote from schools now existing; and to develop those schools already organized but not doing satisfactory work; and to arouse more interest and enthusiasm in all the departments of Sunday-school work.

To this end we insist that they hold at least one meeting a year, at convenient points in their beats, giving preference to unoccupied territory. That they shall arrange a suitable program for these meetings or rallies, bringing together the best workers available for addresses, etc., and that these Beat officers be required to send written reports of their work to the Annual County Conventions.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved 1st, That this Convénion hereby express their thanks to the Baptist denomination for the use of their church, and also congratulate them in the erection of so handsome an edifice.

Resolved 2nd, That we thank the choir most heartily for the excellent music, which within itself, is always a source of inspiration to a higher life.

Resolved 3rd, That this Convention here give utterance to the high appreciation in which is held the pleasant visit from brother Judge Joseph Carthell, believing that the entire people have been greatly entertained and edified by his work among us, in the discussion of "The Home Department of the Sunday-school," a special field of labor in which brother Carthell has met with marvellous success.

Resolved 4th, That we feel under many obligations to all who in any way contributed to the several pleasant drives to Talladega Springs.

Resolved 5th, That not in a mere formal way, but with feelings that are both profound and sincere, we express heartfelt appreciation of the generous and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained, and we assure the good and Christian people of Fayetteville that it is in such kindness and blessings as these from man to man, that happiness is born, and that here the ennobling and exalting impulses spring forth, and plant within the garden of the soul the fragrant flowers of everlasting friendship.

GEO. R. MCNEILL,

J. H. HAMILTON,

J. A. WOODWARD,

Committee.

After the closing report of the Committee on Resolutions and a brief address from the President, urging all to return to their fields of labor incited to do far greater work for the Master, the Convention was adjourned with singing and prayer to meet at Lincoln at the call of the Executive Committee.

GEO. R. MCNEILL, Pres.

ELI HORN, Secretary.

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF THE TALLADEGA COUNTY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION, 1897.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	Amt. for S. S. Literature.	Amount for Missions.	Amt. sent to Convention.	United with Church.	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alpine Baptist . . .	5	40	45	\$ 9 50	\$. . .	\$ 75	5	S. C. Christie . .	Randy Welch . .	Alpine
Antioch Baptist . . .	4	65	69	. . .	. . .	. . .	5	Jas. A. Wright . .	John Clark . . .	. . . . .
Childersburg Baptist .	4	72	76	10 00	. . .	50	5	F. E. Moss . . .	Mamie Seabrook .	Childersburg . .
Cartersville Baptist .	7	89	96	11 96	. . .	1 00	. .	F. B. Lanier . . .	John Davis . . .	Kynulga
Childersburg M. E. .	7	88	95	22 69	2 20	50	2	Geo. Butler . . .	Mrs. M. L. Butler	Childersburg . .
Eastaboga	4	50	54	6 70	1 22	75	2	W. R. Bell . . .	Bonner Capps . .	Eastaboga
Fayetteville Baptist .	5	64	69	9 00	. . .	1 00	21	J. G. Dobbins . .	W. W. Averette .	Fayetteville . . .
Fayetteville M. E. .	5	50	55	5 44	. . .	1 25	25	J. E. Boykin . . .	W. D. Campbell .	Fayetteville . . .
Kynulga	4	61	65	4 11	. . .	1 50	1	J. W. Harrell . .	J. W. Harrell . .	Kynulga
Lincoln Baptist . . .	5	75	80	15 20	5 00	1 00	1	E. D. Acker . . .	William Perry . .	Lincoln
Mt. Sharon	3	48	51	7 00	. . .	. . .	. .	H. E. Smith . . .	W. I. Coleman . .	Fayetteville . . .
Munford	7	83	90	6 25	1 63	1 25	50	J. J. Weatherly .	J. M. Rowe . . .	Munford
Oak Grove	9	115	124	36 68	19 95	2 00	16	P. D. Lanier . . .	E. D. Hendrick .	Kynulga
Refuge Baptist . . .	3	47	50	4 50	5 50	. . .	16	P. R. Crump . . .	J. W. Hackney . .	Lincoln
Riser's Chapel . . .	6	47	53	6 00	. . .	50	. .	A. O. Riser . . .	M. C. Holmes . .	Alpine
Rocky Mount M. E. .	3	25	28	75	. . .	25	11	G. W. Bice . . .	Dixon J. Bush . .	Fayetteville . . .
Ragan Union	5	87	92	12 00	2 00	. . .	. .	J. N. Cooper . . .	Burke Hightower	Ragan
St. Joe M. E.	4	25	29	5 00	. . .	1 00	15	John A. Edwards .	Exah Stewart . .	Childersburg . . .
Sycamore Baptist . .	6	103	109	18 67	8 71	2 00	. .	Dr. John McGhee	Geo. H. Stuart . .	Sycamore
Sylacauga Baptist . .	7	71	78	13 00	23 00	1 00	3	G. S. Ham . . .	R. M. Phillips . .	Sylacauga
Sunnyside	4	32	36	7 00	53 00	1 50	. .	J. A. Woodward .	Ethel Porter . . .	Munford
Salem Cumm. Pres. .	. .	. .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	J. W. Rowe . . .	Postell Lewis . .	East Bend
Talladega Baptist . .	9	158	167	44 85	30 00	3 00	13	J. W. Bishop . . .	D. M. Breedlove .	Talladega
Tallashatchie	3	36	39	82	. . .	25	. .	Geo. Gardner . .	R. Heine	Sycamore
Talladega Pres. . . .	16	136	152	59 00	44 33	4 00	15	Geo. Dunnington	Ira W. Rhodes . .	Talladega
Wimerboro Baptist .	4	. .	40	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	J. S. Morris . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Total	139	1620	1862	\$ 299 58	\$ 199 16	\$ 24 75	182	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .



